

Title 9

REGULATIONS FOR USE OF MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT LANDS*

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** For statutory provisions authorizing a district to construct, maintain, improve, and operate public recreational facilities appurtenant to any water reservoir contracted to be operated or operated by the district, and to provide by ordinance regulations binding upon all persons to govern the use of such facilities, including regulations imposing reasonable charges for the use thereof, and to punish the violation of any such regulation as a misdemeanor or infraction as specified therein, see Cal. Water Code §71660.*

**Chapter 9.01
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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9.01.01 Scope of this title.

The rules and regulations contained in this title shall be known as "Regulations for use of Marin Municipal Water District Lands" and may be referred to as such, or as "land use regulations." Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of this title shall apply to all district-owned lands including both active watershed lands and contiguous buffer properties. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.01.02 Purpose.

These land use regulations are adopted to assure effective stewardship, protection and management of district lands and to govern use of said lands in a fashion consistent with criteria set forth in the district's "Protection Policy for the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed." (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.01.03 Authority.

The land use regulations enacted in this title are authorized by the California Water Code Section 71660. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.01.04 Enforcement.

Designated district employees shall have the authority to enforce these regulations and to

revoke the permit of any person in violation of these regulations. These regulations may also be enforced by other law enforcement officials. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.01.05 Lands open to public.

District lands are open to the public for recreational use, in accordance with the provisions of these regulations, during daylight hours only, beginning thirty minutes before sunrise and ending thirty minutes after sunset. Persons using district lands shall have a revocable license subject to compliance with all applicable federal, state, county and district laws and regulations. (Ord. 388 §1[part], 1999: (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.01.06 Closure of district lands.

All or any portion of district lands may be closed to the public or have public uses restricted during an emergency or for health, safety, maintenance or watershed management purposes. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.01.07 Admission charges and permits.

Admission charges or fees may be charged by the district for permits to gain entrance to or otherwise use district lands. Charges for

permits shall be determined by the board of directors from time to time. Permits are not transferable and may be revoked for failure to comply with any provision of the permit or applicable portions of these regulations. Permits must be carried while on district lands and shown upon request to district personnel or otherwise displayed as directed. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987.

9.01.08 Misdemeanors and infractions.

Violations of the following land use regulations are misdemeanors punishable by imprisonment in the Marin County jail for a period not to exceed six months, or by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars, or both:

- (1) Defacement of district property, pursuant to Section 9.02.03;
- (2) Use, possession or discharge of firearms, weapons, or fireworks, pursuant to Sections 9.02.11 and 9.07.02;
- (3) Creation of fire hazards, pursuant to Section 9.07.01;
- (4) Being under the influence of intoxicating beverages or dangerous drugs, pursuant to Section 9.02.19(3);

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- (5) Dumping of garbage, refuse and trash, pursuant to Section 9.02.15;
- (6) Remaining on or reentering district lands after an authorized district employee has specifically withdrawn consent for said person to use such lands, pursuant to Section 9.02.21; and
- (7) Construction, reroute or alteration of a hiking trail without District authorization, pursuant to Section 9.03.06.

Violation of any land use regulation not mentioned above is an infraction. (Ord. 388 §1[part], 1999; Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.01.09 Separate offenses.

Any violation of these regulations occurring on more than one calendar day shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.01.10 Impoundment.

The district may impound any animal, property or equipment found to be in violation of these regulations. Items shall be disposed of according to law. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.01.11 Exemptions.

These regulations shall not apply to employees of the district engaged in and acting within the scope of their authorized duties. The district, at its sole discretion, may grant written exemption to all or any portion of these land use regulations by special use permit, contract or lease; however, written exemptions shall be limited to uses consistent with the purpose of these regulations and shall not violate any provision of federal, state or county law or regulation. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

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9.02.01 Compliance with all laws, regulations and signs.

No person while on district lands shall violate or fail to comply with any provision of federal, state, county or district laws, regulations or posted signs. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.02 Closed areas and use restrictions.

No person shall enter or remain in any area of district lands closed to the public, nor use any area of district lands for an unauthorized purpose. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.03 Care of property and facilities.

No person shall damage, deface, tamper with or remove any district property or facilities, including dams, buildings, signs, gates, fences, equipment, markers, structures, tables, benches, trash receptacles, barbeques, camp stoves, fireplaces, paving material, utility or water lines. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.04 Group use.

No group, school, club or similar organization, whether formally organized or not, shall hold or conduct any picnic, hike or other activity on district lands with twenty or more participants without prior written approval of the district and no person shall take part in any such activity without said prior written approval. Groups will be permitted in designated areas only and are subject to prior reservations, conditions and charges. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.05 Minors.

Parents and guardians shall be responsible for the conduct of their minor children and shall not permit such minor children to do any act on district lands prohibited by the provisions of these regulations. No parent, guardian or any person having the custody of any child under the age of ten years shall allow such child to enter or visit district lands unless accompanied by a person at least sixteen years of age. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.06 Swimming.

No person shall bathe, swim, wade, wash or otherwise enter any district reservoir or stream. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.07 Boating.

No person shall place or operate any boat or watercraft, including, but not limited to, any row boat, motor boat, sailboat, raft, kayak, canoe or seaplane on or in any district reservoir or stream. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.08 Camping and possession of camping gear.

No person shall possess camping gear or camp on district lands. Camping gear includes sleeping bags, tents, lean-to materials or any other articles connected with camping as differentiated from picnicking. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.09 Running and jogging.

No person shall run or jog on district lands except on protection roads and district trails not signed against such use, nor run or jog in such a way as to endanger hikers, equestrians or others using district lands. No school, club or other organization shall hold

running, jogging or cross-county meets, events or practice sessions on district lands without prior written approval of the district and no person shall take part in any such activity without said prior written approval. Meets, events and practice sessions will be permitted in designated areas only. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.10 Games and other activities.

No person shall engage in games or other activities which interfere with others using district lands or which endanger any person, property, public safety or environmental resources. Non-permitted activities include but are not limited to:

- (1) Skateboarding, roller skating, in-line skating or other similar type activity;
- (2) Operating a motor-driven model airplane, boat, automobile or other model craft;
- (3) Throwing, releasing, or discharging missiles, rockets, stones or similar objects;
- (4) Hitting a golf ball;

- (5) Participating in baseball, softball or football;
- (6) Hang-gliding, parachuting, or parasailing; and
- (7) Any activity or operation of any device in such fashion as to interfere with others using district lands or to endanger property, public safety or environmental resources.

Any equipment used in violation of this section may be impounded. (Ord. 388 §1[part], 1999; (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.11 Firearms, traps and other weapons.

No person shall possess, use, carry, discharge or cause to be discharged any firearm or weapon while on district lands, including any air rifle, spring gun, paint ball gun, bow and arrow, sling, animal trap, knife with blade over five inches long, explosive or any other form of weapon potentially dangerous to wildlife or human safety. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any firearm or weapon onto or across district lands from outside the boundary of district

lands. (Ord. 388 §1[part], 1999; (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.12 Audio devices.

No person shall operate any audio equipment, public address system, amplified musical instrument or other noise-producing or transmitting device on district lands whether fixed, portable or vehicle/mounted. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.13 Sanitation.

No person using district lands shall do any of the following:

- (1) Urinate or defecate other than at restrooms provided;
- (2) Fail to cooperate in maintaining restrooms in a neat and sanitary condition; and
- (3) Use restrooms set apart for the opposite sex. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.14 Littering.

No person shall throw, drop, place or deposit any object, including, but not limited to, paper, food scraps, fish remains, bottles, bottle caps or cans in district streams or

reservoirs or elsewhere on district lands, except in trash receptacles. Where trash receptacles are not provided or are full, all such matter shall be carried away from district lands by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.15 Garbage, refuse and trash.

No person shall bring garbage, refuse, trash or yard clippings onto district lands, nor dump or deposit such garbage, refuse, trash or yard clippings on district lands or in any district trash receptacle. (Ord. 388 §1[part], 1999; (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.16 Structures.

No person shall erect any temporary or permanent structure, monument or facility on district lands. Any such structure may be demolished by the district and its contents impounded. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.17 Abandoned and unattended property.

No person shall abandon or leave any personal property unattended on district lands for longer than twelve hours. Any such

property may be impounded. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.18 Commercial activity.

No person shall do any of the following on district lands:

- (1) Sell or offer to sell goods, merchandise or services;
- (2) Station or place any stand, cart or vehicle for display of goods, merchandise or services;
- (3) Distribute, circulate or post any handbill, pamphlet or other advertisement regarding sale of goods, merchandise or services;
- (4) Conduct any commercial photography or activity related to commercial photography; and
- (5) Conduct any activity of a commercial nature.

(Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.19 Disorderly conduct.

No person shall do any of the following on district lands:

- (1) Accost another person for the purpose of begging or soliciting;
- (2) Loiter in or about any restroom;
- (3) Be under the influence of intoxicating liquor or dangerous drug in such a condition that the individual is unable to exercise care for their own safety or the safety of others;
- (4) Engage in loud or disturbing conduct or any act tending to a breach of the peace; and
- (5) Appear in a state of dress or undress in which the pubic hair, genitals, buttocks or any portion of the female breast below the top of the areola are exposed. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.20 Introduction of organisms.

No person shall introduce, cause to be introduced or otherwise disperse on district lands any organism, living or dead, including cremated human remains, native or nonnative plants, animals, fish, insects or bacteria,

except as permitted in Section 9.06.03. (Ord. 388 §1[part], 1999; (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.02.21 Revocation of privileges.

No person may remain on or reenter district lands after an authorized district employee has specifically withdrawn consent for said person to use such lands. (Ord. 388 §1[part], 1999).

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RESOURCE PROTECTION

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9.03.01 Water supply.

No person shall do any of the following while on district lands:

- (1) Pollute or in any manner contaminate any reservoir, stream, channel, spring or other water sources or water supply;
- (2) Possess or apply any pesticide, herbicide, fungicide or other poison; and
- (3) Impede the quantity or quality of water. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.03.02 Botanical resources.

No person shall do any of the following while on district lands:

- (1) Damage, cut, carve, transplant, or remove any vegetation, living or dead, including any tree, plant, foliage, seed, bark, turf, leaf, mold, fungus, grass or wood;
- (2) Attach any rope, wire or other object to any tree or plant, except as provided in Section 9.05.02(3); and
- (3) Damage or otherwise disturb the natural environment. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.03.03 Wildlife and animal resources.

No person shall take, hunt, trap, harass or otherwise harm any kind of animal or the eggs of any animal, whether living or dead, or remove, destroy or in any manner disturb the natural habitat of any animal. Fishing or taking of fish is permitted as regulated in Chapter 9.06. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.03.04 Geological resources.

No person shall damage, injure, collect or remove soil, earth, rocks, sand, gravel, fossils, minerals or any article of geological interest or value. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.03.05 Archeological and historical resources.

No person shall damage, injure, collect or remove any object of paleontological, archeological or historical interest or value. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.03.06 Cultural and recreational resources.

No person shall add to, alter or modify any watershed facility including but not limited to construction, rerouting or alteration of any hiking trail. Possession of trail construc-

tion tools including, but not limited to, a mccloud, polaski, shovel, rake or other similar tool by any unauthorized person is prohibited. (Ord. 388 §2[part], 1999).

Chapter 9.04

VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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9.04.01 Motor vehicles.

No person shall operate any motor vehicle, including, but not limited to, cars, trucks, motorcycles, motorbikes or similar vehicles on district lands except upon public roads or parking lots. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.04.02 Bicycles.

- (a) No person shall possess or operate any bicycle or similar vehicle on district

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lands except upon public roads, parking lots or protection roads not signed against such use. Use may be restricted or prohibited on any or all roads at the district's discretion.

- (b) No bicycle or similar vehicle shall be operated in a manner to endanger or frighten hikers, equestrians or others using district lands. Any bicycle or similar vehicle used in violation of these regulations may be impounded.
- (c) A person under 18 years of age shall not operate a bicycle or ride as a passenger on a bicycle upon district lands unless wearing a bicycle helmet which is properly fitted and fastened.
- (d) The district may require permits for use of bicycles on its lands as outlined in Section 9.01.07. (Ord. 388 §1[part], 1999; (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.04.03 Speed limits.

Maximum speed limit for all motor vehicles and bicycles is fifteen miles per hour, unless otherwise posted; however, speeds shall be reduced as conditions warrant. Bicycles are required to slow to five miles per hour when

passing others using district lands or approaching blind turns. In no case shall a person operate any motor vehicle, or bicycle, at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent for safe operation or to protect the safety of others using district lands. (Ord. 388 §1[part], 1999; Ord. 353 §1[part], 1994; Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.04.04 Parking and vehicle removal.

No person shall park any motor vehicle on district lands in the following locations:

- (1) Within the traveled portion of any road;
- (2) On any protection road or trail;
- (3) In front of any gate;
- (4) On any hillside;
- (5) In areas designated for disabled or handicapped persons without appropriate authorization;
- (6) In more than one parking space per vehicle;
- (7) Within posted "no parking" areas; and
- (8) In any manner obstructing the free flow of traffic.

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No person shall park any motor vehicle for more than twelve consecutive hours, nor earlier than thirty minutes before sunrise, nor later than thirty minutes after sunset, on any day. Any law enforcement officer mentioned in Vehicle Code Section 2265 is authorized to remove any vehicle parked on district property in violation of this section. (Ord. 353 §1[part], 1994; (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.04.05 California Vehicle Code.

Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, the provisions of the California Vehicle Code shall be applicable to the operation of motor vehicles on district roads maintained for public use. (Ord. 388 §1[part], 1999; Ord. 353 §2[part], 1994; Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

Chapter 9.05

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9.05.01 Dogs and other animals.

Dogs and other domestic animals are permitted on district land only when under the control of the owner and while fastened to and restrained by a chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length or confined in a vehicle. No person shall do any of the following on district lands:

- (1) Bring or keep a dog five months of age or more without proof that the dog has a valid rabies inoculation or a valid license;
- (2) Bring or keep a noisy, vicious or dangerous dog or animal or one which is disturbing to other persons;
- (3) Allow any dog or other animal to hunt, pursue or harass any animal;
- (4) Fail to promptly remove from district lands any dog or other animal after being ordered by district personnel to do so;

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- (5) Permit a dog or other animal to enter, wade or swim in any stream or reservoir or enter within the high water mark of any reservoir; and
- (6) Bring or keep a dog or other animal onto any area which is closed to animals. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.05.02 Horses.

Horses are permitted on district lands only on riding trails, protection roads, and other areas not signed against such use. No rider shall do any of the following on district lands:

- (1) Take a horse upon any public road, dam face, picnic ground, open hillside, woodland or meadow except on permitted trails and protection roads;
- (2) Gallop a horse at any time or ride in such manner to endanger hikers, equestrians or others using district lands;
- (3) Tie any horse within fifty feet of a picnic area; and
- (4) Permit any horse to enter, swim in or drink from any reservoir or stream, except at designated trail crossings,

(unless otherwise posted) or go below the high-water mark of any reservoir.

As used in these regulations, "horse" includes all saddle animals. (Ord. 388 §1[part], 1999; Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.05.03 Animals at large.

No person shall permit any horse, cow, pig, sheep, goat or other animal of any kind to graze or run at large. No person shall bring onto or keep on district lands any living thing that constitutes a safety hazard or detriment to the public enjoyment of the area. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.05.04 Animal removal and impoundment.

Any animal found at large on district lands may be impounded. The district may destroy any animal which is injured, diseased or endangering other animals or humans. Carcasses or unlawfully taken wildlife may be confiscated. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

Chapter 9.06

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9.06.01 Fishing regulations and enforcement.

All fishing on district lands is subject to the California Fish and Game Code, the rules and regulations of the State Department of Fish and Game and these regulations. District rangers, fish and game officials and other law enforcement personnel are authorized to issue citations for violations, confiscate fish and impound fishing gear upon violation of regulations. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.06.02 Cleaning of fish.

No person shall clean, gut or scale any fish in any district reservoir or stream, nor dispose of dead fish or fish parts in any district reservoir or stream, nor on district lands, except in district trash receptacles. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.06.03 Bait.

No person shall use or possess for use as bait or otherwise, any aquatic life, living or dead, with the exception of salmon eggs and worms, nor take any action which may result in introduction of any fish or other aquatic organism into reservoirs or streams. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.06.04 Health and safety regulations.

No person fishing on or otherwise using district lands shall do any of the following:

- (1) Stand or wade, with or without waders, in any stream or reservoir; and,
- (2) Fish from dams or in other areas which are posted closed to fishing. (Ord. 388 §1[part], 1999; Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

Chapter 9.07

FIRE REGULATIONS

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9.07.01 Fires.

No person shall light, build or maintain a fire of any nature on district lands, except in permanent fixed barbecues, camp stoves or fireplaces established by the district. The use of portable barbecues and camp stoves is prohibited. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.07.02 Fireworks.

No person shall possess, bring onto, set-off or otherwise cause to explode on district lands any firecrackers, skyrockets or other fireworks or explosives. (Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.07.03 Smoking.

No person shall smoke on district watershed lands at any time. (Ord. 359 §1[part], 1994; Ord. 357 §1[part] 1994; Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

9.07.04 Extreme fire hazard.

During extreme fire hazard conditions the district may prohibit fires on all or designated portions of district watershed lands and may close all or designated portions of district watershed lands to public entry. (Ord. 359 §1[part], 1994; Ord. 357 §1[part] 1994; Ord. 267 §2[part], 1987).

MMWD Reservoirs

Reservoir	Capacity (AF ¹)	Total Capacity	Year Built
Lagunitas	350	0.4	1872
Phoenix	411	0.5	1905
Alpine	8891	11.2	1918 ²
Bon Tempe	4017	5.1	1948
Kent	32,894	41.3	1953 ³
Nicasio	22,430	28.2	1960
Soulajule	10,572	13.3	1979
Total	79,566	100.0	

¹One AF, or acre-foot, is 325,851 gallons.

²Enlarged in 1924 and 1941 to current capacity.

³Enlarged in 1982 to current capacity.



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